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LOUISIANA CATTLE INVENTORY DECREASES

All cattle and calves on Louisiana farms as of January 1, 2010, were estimated at 840,000 head, down six percent from a year ago. **All cows that have calved** were estimated at 520,000 head, down four percent from a year ago. Louisiana's 2009 **calf crop** was estimated at 400,000 head, down five percent from the 2008 calf crop.

Beef cows were estimated at 499,000 head, down three percent from January 1, 2009; **milk cows**, at 21,000 head, were down 16 percent from a year ago. Other cattle inventory estimates and changes from a year ago were: **beef cow replacement heifers**, 82,000 head, down six percent; **milk cow replacement heifers**, 7,000 head, unchanged; **other heifers**, 16,000 head, down six percent; **steers 500 pounds and over**, 21,000 head, down 12 percent; **bulls 500 pounds and over**, 32,000 head, down six percent, and **calves under 500 pounds**, 162,000 head, down ten percent.

CATTLE INVENTORY – JANUARY 1

Item	Louisiana		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	-----Thousand Head-----		-----Thousand Head-----	
All Cattle and Calves	890	840	94,521	93,701
Beef Cows	515	499	31,712	31,376
Milk Cows	25	21	9,333	9,081
Beef Cow Replacement Heifers	87	82	5,531	5,436
Milk Cow Replacement Heifers	7	7	4,410	4,516
Other Heifers	17	16	9,635	9,714
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	24	21	16,769	16,440
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	34	32	2,184	2,190
Calves Under 500 Pounds	181	162	14,948	14,949
Cattle on Feed	---	---	13,856	13,642

	2008	2009	2008	2009
Calf Crop	420	400	36,153	35,819